10/030019 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE DEC 2001

Applicants : Masure, et al.

Serial No. : UNKNOWN

Art Unit: UNKNOWN

Filed

: HEREWITH

Examiner: UNKNOWN

For

: Cell Death Related Drug Targets In Yeast

and Fungi

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on

December 26, 2001

(Date)

Myra H. McCormack

Name of applicant, assignee, or Registered Representative

(Signature)

December 26, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claim 48

Kindly amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide wherein the nucleic acid sequence of the nucleic acid molecule is selected from: